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Chong-Sheng YUAN et al.

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
ASSAYING HOMOCYSTEINE

Examiner: S. Fernandez

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 3, 2005, for which a response was due on September 3, 2005. A request for a two-month extension accompanies this response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith are the following exhibits:

Exhibit 1. Declaration of Chong-Sheng Yuan under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (YUAN 132 Declaration) with Exhibits A-G; and

Exhibit 2. FDA approval (510(k)) of Diazyme's Enzymatic Homocysteine Test Kit.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.